



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: February 19, 2004

Signature: Kurt Buechle
(Kurt T. Buechle)

1648

Docket No.: 28594/38247
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Anthony D. Shannon, *et al.*

Application No.: 10/049,953

Group Art Unit: 1648

Filed: June 17, 2002

Examiner: Myron Hill

For: RECOMBINANT SUBUNIT VACCINE

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. In a March 4, 2003 phone call, the Office reported that the application was scheduled to be examined no later than August 17, 2003, which was over six months ago. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

Dated: February 19, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

By Kurt Buechle
Kurt T. Buechle

Registration No.: 54,011
MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 6300
Sears Tower
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6357
(312) 474-6300
Attorneys for Applicant